Vernon

CITY OF VERNON

POPULATION (1994): 80; LAND AREA: 5.01 SQ. MI.

Vernon (incorporated in 1905) is located 4.8 miles south of downtown Los Angeles. The Los Angeles River runs through the city, which is located in the industrial center of the Los Angeles basin. Vernon has a large, overwhelmingly industrial employment base. More than half of the jobs are in manufacturing. The median family income was \$16,250 in 1989. The city's population is predominantly Hispanic and White, and over the age of 21.

ISSUES

- There is a need for space along the river where employees can seek recreation during lunch periods.
- There is an interest in developing a golf driving range adjacent to the river.

ADOPTED GENERAL OR RECREATIONAL PLANS

• The Vernon General Plan designates land within one mile of the river's center line as major industrial.

JURISDICTIONAL PLANNED PROJECTS

• Redevelopment area adjacent to the river.

RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON MASTER PLAN GOALS

- Create a greenway along the bank, tie tree plantings to the new reclaimed water line at Downey Road.
- · At Bandini, develop a site which would interpret river engineering.
- · Commission murals on the west levee walls.
- Develop a golf center with a trail staging area on the open land South of Atlantic.
- Develop a trail on the western levee.
- Improve the Atlantic bridge crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.









